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C O N F I D E N T I A L FREETOWN 2028

EO 11652: GDS

TAGS: PFOR, PORG, APER

SUBJ: ORGANIZING FOR MULTILATERAL DIPLOMACY

REF: STATE 148782

1. IN REPLY TO PARA 6 REFTTEL, POST WISHES TO COMMENT ON THE PARTICULAR CIRCUMSTANCES IN SIERRA LEONE WHICH SHOULD BE CONSIDERED AS THE DEPARTMENT PREPARES BACKGROUND AND INSTRUCTION CABLES. THE SMALL SIZE OF THE SIERRA LEONE MINISTRY OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS (MINISTER, DEPUTY MINISTER, PERMANENT SECRETARY AND 4 ASSISTANT SECRETARIES) DICTATES THAT WE CONCENTRATE ONLY ON ISSUES OF CRITICAL IMPORTANCE. TO STRESS TOO MANY ITEMS WILL DILUTE THE RESPONSE OF GOSL. WE REQUIRE SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME TO BRIEF AND REBRIEF GOSL OFFICIALS. SUFFICIENT LEAD TIME WILL ALSO ALLOW GOSL TO PREPARE POSITIONS BETTER. IN ALL CASES A PERSONAL TOUCH (PERSONAL VISITS, SIGNED LETTERS FROM DEPARTMENT, ETC.) WILL IMPROVE CHANCES OF GAINING GOSL SUPPORT. SIERRA LEONE WILL ADHERE TO WHAT APPEARS TO BE AFRICAN CONSENSUS. IF WE ASK GOSL TO ACT IN OPPOSITION TO THIS CONSENSUS, THE BEST WE MAY EXPECT IS NEUTRALITY.

2. POST COMMENTS ON KEY ISSUES:

-- NORTH/SOUTH ECONOMIC ISSUES -- IT IS NECESSARY TO KEEP IN CONFIDENTIAL

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MIND THAT SIERRA LEONE IS A BEGGER NATION AND WILL ACT TO OBTAIN ASSISTANCE, AID AND RELIEF, WHEREVER POSSIBLE. THUS GOSL WILL OPPOSE U.S. ON MOST NORTH/SOUTH ISSUES THAT DO NOT CLEARLY YIELD ADVANTAGE TO THEM.

-- HUMAN RIGHTS -- AS LONG AS HUMAN RIGHTS INITIATIVES ARE DIRECTED TOWARD SOUTHERN AFRICA GOSL SUPPORT CAN BE EXPECTED. IF INITIATIVES ARE DIRECTED TOWARD SIERRA LEONE, THEY WILL

REACT WITH HOSTILITY.

-- U.N. RELATED ISSUES -- SIERRA LEONE WILL FOLLOW THE LEAD  
OF THE AFRICAN BLOCK ON NEARLY ALL U.N. ISSUES. GOSL HAS LITTLE  
INTEREST IN MANY U.N. ISSUES SUCH AS BUDGET CONTROL. MANY  
TIMES THE SIERRA LEONE U.N. DELEGATION RECEIVES NO INSTRUCTION,  
THUS MOST EFFECTIVE LOBBYING CAN BE DONE IN NEW YORK.  
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